

**Pokegama Lake Association
General Membership Meeting
April 15, 2023**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by president Scott Waste.

Board of Directors present: Stacey Bolton, Bobbi Eich, Dwight Evers, Jim Grisim, Nick Hugo, Susan Kubitschek, Luranne McLean, Kathy Nielsen, Scott Waste

Board of Directors absent: Todd Greicar, DeeAnn Houck, John Hoyny,
BOD meeting for Wed was moved to this morning - Board members should have notified Membership.
Welcome to new members

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion to approve the Secretary's report of the March 2023 meeting was made by Scott Waste and seconded by Pauline Royce; passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bobbi Eich presented the March treasurer's report. On the General checking side, starting balance was \$23,535.41, income was \$540.22, with expenses of \$1,069.81, leaving a balance of \$23,005.82. On the Gambling side, beginning balance was \$30,981.10, with a credit of \$22.56, and expenses of \$1,205.85, leaving an ending balance of \$29,797.81.

Pauline Royce moved to approve. Kathy Nielsen seconded the report, passed.

GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT:

Kim reported in writing, as she was unable to attend due to a funeral. We did 84 pull-tab boxes and e-tabs have been a big hit. Our monthly expense was \$31,456.06.

The audit was done at the end of the month - report coming soon.

Taxes were accidentally paid twice last month, but a refund is due back soon.

Purse Bingo is scheduled for Mothers' Day at 1pm at Bear Creek and May 21st at 1pm at Northwoods - register now if you plan to go.

Shredding will be picked up at the end of today's meeting.

Pauline moved and Jim Grisim seconded the report; passed.

Kathy Nielsen moved, Steve Simonsen seconded the \$40,000 request for May expenses; passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake Improvement/Water Quality Committee - See report.

Kathy Nielsen reported. Working with Pine County staff. Kathy asking for volunteers to help get forms to property owners in areas that will be possible for treatment. Lorrie Cashman made a point that all residents can help with the phosphorous level in our soil by planting vegetation.

Gambling Audit Committee - Tom Rice reported that numbers can be misleading as they don't always account for staff labors. E-tabs are much less expensive to administer.

Donations - Pauline Royce moved the Art in the Park request for \$500, second by Tom Rice. Our logo will be on their materials. Passed

Membership(Communications/Website/Membership) - Stacey reported- new website is up-and-running and domain name has been changed. Rain barrels have all been sold. Will continue to add to website. Facebook now has numerous users and good individual communications.

Committees - working to get list of committees and contact persons to all membership to increase participation.

Susan Kubitschek reported we have 141 paid members as of 3/31. Working on how to streamline the application and communication process.

Education - Marietta Jacobson reported on the recent history of our education efforts. Conservation Camp will be coming this summer. Facebook page will have application forms for the camp for ages 10 - 14. Application is due in to building by May 20 meeting. It is \$495/student for which we pay.

Social -

Tom Rice - Potluck get-together will be May 20th at the PLA building at noon - we will provide water. See Tom if you can help with set-up and clean-up.

Freedom Fest at the Pine Co. fairgrounds - last Saturday in June - walking tacos 'enhanced' [olives, sour cream, etc. this year], \$6 price, 10am to 4pm serving time. We will also sell water. It costs us \$50 to sell, or we can contribute to Chamber of Commerce Fireworks and be listed with our logo. Kathy moved to donate \$250 for Gold sponsorship, Jim Grisim second, passed. Need volunteers for set-up, selling, clean-up - see Tom to help - sign-up sheet at May meeting.

OLD BUSINESS -

Clothing for sale - Melody is working with Lee's Pro Shop - will do mass-production of t-shirts for around \$10 to wear at events around the community to promote the PLA. Would like to have Pine City MN on the shirts - three colors available - order by the end of the May potluck.

NEW BUSINESS -

Corn booth report by Scott Jeanson. Requesting \$1000 for required maintenance. Jim G moved to approve, Kathy Nielsen seconded, passed. If anyone knows anyone who has a tarp to donate, please see Scott. Bob Hickey will help us with the Root Beer operation.

Floppy Crappie Boat Club - Kathy attended the Township meeting and issue did not come up. Owner has been told that she must apply for a conditional use permit - Gordy says he will contact PLA if a permit is requested, so that members can attend the Township meetings and have input into how this is done.

New truck is outside - thanks to Mike Fraser for all his hard work to get things ready. Think about Weed-cutting - Dwight Evers has volunteered to coordinate the schedule - see him if you can help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - please remember to sign in at all meetings

The next Board of Directors will be May 5 at 7pm via zoom and in-person, and the next General Membership meeting will be Saturday May 20th at 9am, with 8:30 social time.

ADJOURNMENT

Bobbi Eich moved and Tom Rice seconded to adjourn, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Luranne McLean, Secretary